

Iowa Department of Corrections

Oakdale Status

- The Special Needs Unit (SNU) is rapidly moving toward completion.
- Existing medical staff will occupy the first floor treatment area in February.
- At that time, all medical activities associated with the reception process will take place in the new building.
- The remaining two floors, which will provide for long-term and short-term medical as well as mental health, are scheduled to be completed within the next 7-9 weeks.
- The current budget provides that new staff would be hired the last pay period of FY 2007.
- If, as was discussed last Legislative session, a supplemental is appropriated, new staff could be hired beginning with the 2nd pay period in March.
- By hiring new staff in March, offenders would be housed in the SNU starting in the July-August timeframe.
- Hiring staff at the end of June would mean that offenders would be moved to the SNU in the October-November timeframe.
- Cost of moving the hiring of new staff from late June to late March = \$3.4 million.

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